

ENSF 338 Lab 3

Group 35

Exercise 3

Q 3.1) Derive the formulas for (i) number of comparisons, and (ii) average-case number of swaps for bubble sort [0.4 pts]

A 3.1) (i) Bubble sort compares 2 adjacent values in a list of size n and checks whether $n > n+1$ and swaps them if that statement is true, it does this for $(n-1)$ iterations. The number of comparisons is denoted by the following equation.

$$\frac{[n(n+1)]}{2} \rightarrow O(n^2)$$

A 3.1) (ii) We assume at least half of the list entries are in the wrong order, so the probability of a swap is 50% or $\frac{1}{2}$. The average swaps can be denoted by the following equation.

$$\frac{[n(n+1)]}{4} \rightarrow O(n^2)$$

Q 4) Discuss your results: do they match your complexity analysis?

A 4) As seen in the graph, the complexity of both average case and number of comparisons both increase quadratically as the input size increases which matches the complexity analysis